

Ladies/Gentlemen:

It may be time to bring back the Fairness Doctrine. The power wielded by those who are given the privilege of using the public airwaves is too great to allow it to be used for partisan political purposes without any assurance that diverse viewpoints will be heard. It's long been an accepted tenet of public life in America that, "From those to whom much is given, much is expected." Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions demonstrate the need for checks and balances in this area.

I am not advocating governmental control of media content, but some effort to ensure balance and promote the robust exchange of diverse viewpoints is essential, and, in my view, central to the FCC's role in regulating media access and use.

This is a far more important subject, in my view, than the Commission's recent, misguided, efforts to protect America from the horror of hearing an occasional dirty word over the broadcast media.

Shame on the FCC for falling down so badly in this important area.

I strongly urge the Commission to stand up for fairness when the Sinclair Group's broadcast license next comes up for renewal. Thank you